

REMARKS

The present application was originally filed with claim 15 as a multiple-dependant claim. Claim 15 has been amended to reflect dependency to Claim 1 only. No new matter is added.

The Office Action requires Applicant to make a provisional election of species from each of the following generic classes identified in the Office Action: solvents, alcohols, polymers, and colorants. Specifically, the Office Action requests Applicant to “elect one specifically named solvent, one specifically named alcohol, one specifically named polymer, and one specifically named colorant.” Applicant hereby provisionally elects the following species to be the focus of the Examiner’s prior art search: ethanol, polyethylene glycol (“PEG”), and colorants used in the food or textile industry. The election of ethanol is made with respect to the solvents and alcohols since ethanol is a species of alcohol, and alcohol is a type of solvent. The election of PEG is made with respect to the polymers, and the election of colorants used in the food or textile industry is made with respect to the colorants. As indicated by the Examiner during a telephonic conference, the Office Action does not assert a restriction requirement. Accordingly, all claims remain pending. Applicant further submits that each pending claim is readable on the elected species.

Applicant has made a good-faith effort to follow the division of species set forth by the Examiner, and makes a provisional election of species without traverse. Applicant does not advocate for any particular division of claims among species, and any error in additional designations of claims should not under any circumstances be construed as a misrepresentation by Applicant. The Examiner is invited to further consider and approve the additional designations of claims as made by Applicant above.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments, a telephone conference with the below-signed attorney of record would be appreciated. If additional fees are required, the Examiner is authorized to withdraw these fees from Deposit Account No. 13-0480 referencing Attorney Docket Number 09163000.110000US.

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